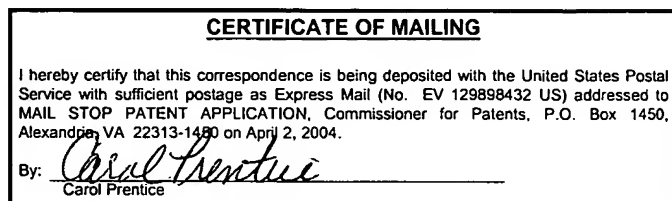


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The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart international patent application no. PCT/EP02/13414 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

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The references listed above are mentioned in the present application.

English language abstracts are attached to the enclosed copies of DE 31 09 845 and DE 35 27 922. No English language abstracts are available for DE 81 18 510 and DE 1 137 103.

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